

gress entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the Vicksburg Bridge and Terminal Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Vicksburg," approved May 3, 1926, be, and the same is hereby, extended to May 3, 1930.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Vol. 44, p. 388.

Amendment.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

CHAP. 475.—An Act Authorizing the acceptance by the United States Government, from the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, of proposed gift of bronze tablets to be placed in Andersonville National Cemetery in Georgia.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 15330.]
[Public, No. 901.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to accept from the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, a gift of bronze tablets, containing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Logan's Memorial Day Order Numbered 11, to be placed on the grounds of the Andersonville National Cemetery in the State of Georgia, all expenses incident to the erection to be paid by the Woman's Relief Corps.

Andersonville National Cemetery, Ga.
Bronze tablets to be placed in, may be accepted.
Inscriptions.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

CHAP. 476.—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Ocmulgee River at or near Fitzgerald, Georgia.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 15714.]
[Public, No. 902.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Ocmulgee River at or near Fitzgerald, Georgia, authorized to be built by J. E. Turner, his heirs, legal representatives, or assigns, by the Act of Congress approved April 4, 1928, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from April 4, 1929.

Ocmulgee River.
Time extended for bridging, at Fitzgerald, Ga.

Ante, p. 403.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

CHAP. 477.—An Act Authorizing the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Agate Pass connecting Bainbridge Island with the mainland in Kitsap County, State of Washington.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 15850.]
[Public, No. 903.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Agate Pass connecting Bainbridge Island with the mainland in Kitsap County, State of Washington, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Agate Pass.
Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce may bridge, connecting Bainbridge Island with mainland in Kitsap County, Wash.

Construction.
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Acquisition authorized, after completion, by Washington, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Limitations.

Tolls under State, etc., operation.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Examination by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

SEC. 2. After the completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Washington, any political subdivision thereof within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real property necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation or expropriation, in accordance with the laws of such State governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation or expropriation. If at any time after the expiration of ten years after the completion of such bridge the same is acquired by condemnation or expropriation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in value; (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property; (3) actual financing and promotion cost, not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches and acquiring such interests in real property; and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

SEC. 3. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by the State of Washington, or by any municipality or other political subdivision or public agency thereof, under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, and if tolls are thereafter charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring same. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the actual expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 4. The Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, its successors and assigns, shall within ninety days after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War and with the highway department of the State of Washington, a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, and at the request of the highway department of the State of Washington shall, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge. For the purpose of such investigation the said Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, its successors and assigns, shall make available all of its records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the con-

struction, financing, and promotion of the bridge, shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 2 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, its successors and assigns; and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 6. All contracts made in connection with the construction of the bridge authorized by this Act and which shall involve the expenditure of more than \$5,000, shall be let by competitive bidding. Such contracts shall be advertised for a reasonable time in some newspaper of general circulation published in the State in which the bridge is located and in the vicinity thereof; sealed bids shall be required and the contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Verified copies or abstracts of all bids received and of the bid or bids accepted shall be promptly furnished to the highway department of the State in which such bridge is located. A failure to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section shall render null and void any contract made in violation thereof, and the Secretary of War may, after hearings, order the suspension of all work upon such bridge until the provisions of this section shall have been fully complied with.

Construction contracts to be let to lowest bidder.

Advertising, etc.

Contracts void for violations.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

CHAP. 478.—An Act To enable the Postmaster General to make contracts for the transportation of mails by air from possessions or Territories of the United States to foreign countries and to the United States and between such possessions or Territories, and to authorize him to make contracts with private individuals and corporations for the conveyance of mails by air in foreign countries.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 16131.]

[Public, No. 904.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March 8, 1928, entitled "An Act to grant authority to the Postmaster General to enter into contracts for the transportation of mails by air to foreign countries and insular possessions of the United States for periods of not more than ten years and to pay for such service at fixed rates per pound or per mile, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Foreign mails.
Ante, p. 248. amended.

"SECTION 1. When in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby the Postmaster General is authorized to enter into contracts for air-mail service on routes between the United States and possessions or Territories of the United States, between possessions or Territories of the United States, between the United States or possessions or Territories of the United States and foreign countries, and in and between foreign countries, for the transportation of mails of the United States and its possessions or Territories both ways over the routes, and in addition thereto mails of other countries on the outbound or the inbound flights under arrangements he may make with such countries, for periods of not more than ten years, and to pay for such service at fixed rates per pound and/or per mile; and the Postmaster General is

Ten-year contracts authorized for air mail service between United States and possessions, and foreign countries, etc., both ways.

Mails of other countries on outbound and inbound flights.

Payment at pound or mile rates.